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SUBJECT: ROK PARTICIPATION IN UNIVERSIAD GAMES

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1. ROK PRESS AUGUST 12 JUBILANTLY REPORTED THAT SOVIET EMBASSY IN TOKYO ISSUED VISAS ON AUGUST 9 FOR ROK UNIVERSIAD CONTINGENT. GROUP LEFT SEOUL AUGUST 11 AND WAS DUE TO TRAVEL FROM TOKYO TO MOSCOW ON AUGUST 12. FINAL COMPOSITION OF CONTINGENT WAS ELEVEN-MEMBER MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM, ELEVEN-MEMBER WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM, TWO WOMEN TENNIS PLAYERS, AND FOURTEEN OFFICIALS AND REFEREES, FOR A TOTAL OF 38; INSTEAD OF THE 40 ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

2. ACCORDING TO KOREAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, ONE MEMBER EACH OF THE VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL TEAMS HAD TO BE DROPPED BECAUSE OF A SOVIET LIMIT ON THE SIZE OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS IN THOSE SPORTS. THIS LIMIT WAS APPARENTLY APPLIED GENERALLY AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT JUST TO THE ROK. ALTHOUGH TWO SHORT OF THE

TEAM IT HAD HOPED TO SEND, THE ROK IS SATISFIED
AT BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UNIVERSIAD.

3. MOFA HAS INFORMED US THAT VISA APPLICATIONS
BY NEWSMEN TO ACCOMPANY THE ROK TEAM HAVE NOT
BEEN ACTED ON. HOWEVER, THE ROKG IS STILL HOPEFUL
THAT THE ROK PRESS WILL BE ABLE TO COVER THE
UNIVERSIAD. VISA APPLICATIONS FOR THIS PURPOSE
HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY ROK JOURNALISTS
STATIONED IN EUROPE AS WELL AS BY NEWSMEN IN SEOUL

WHO ORIGINALLY APPLIED WITH UNIVERSIAD TEAM THROUGH THE SOVIET
EMBASSY IN TOKYO.
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